(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization International Burcau



(43) International Publication Date 13 September 2001 (13.09.2001)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number WO 01/67270 A1

- (51) International Patent Classification?: 17/00
- ____

G06F 15/16,

- (21) International Application Number: PCT/US01/07471
- (22) International Filing Date: 7 March 2001 (07.03.2001)
- (25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

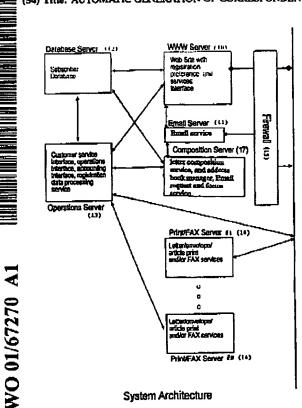
internet ...

- (30) Priority Data: 09/520.654
- 7 March 2000 (07.03.2000) US
- (71) Applicant: LETTER SERVICES, INC. [US/US]; 401 Irwin Street, San Rafacl, CA 94901 (US).
- (72) Inventor: POWERS, Gene; 2305 Centro East, Tiburon, CA 94920-1943 (US).

- (74) Agent: DAVISON, Borry, L.; Davis Wright Tremsine, LLP, 2600 Century Square, 1501 Fourth Avenue, Scattle, WA 98101-1688 (US).
- (81) Designated States (national): AB, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DR, DK, DM, DZ, BB, ES, FI, GB, GD, GR, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BB, CH, CY, DB, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IR, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE VIA AN EMAIL INTERFACE



(57) Abstract: System and method for generation (13), graphical composition (17), and delivery (14) of conventional forms of written correspondence. The conventional form of written correspondence is generated from a correspondence message of a text Internet o-mail message (11). A sender initiate correspondence in a variety of formats, to multiple recipients or to group(s) of receipients (10), wherein a security (15) provided against unauthorized generation of correspondence by assumed SMTP c-mail identities, thereby preventing "forgery" a correspondence from the sender.